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## **Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources**

# **Public Hearings and Meetings**

### **July 19-25, 2009**

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#### **Hearings**

No public hearings are scheduled this week.

#### **Meetings**

**July 19** - The Law Enforcement Committee of the Governor's Snowmobile Recreation Council will meet in the Conference Room of the Country Inn & Suites, 301 Division St., **Stevens Point** at 5:30 p.m. to discuss final summary stats for the 2008-09 snowmobile season. They will also discuss the third meeting of the multi-use user group representatives that met to discuss the OWI-DL tie in. The agenda and list of projects is posted at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/Grants/Agendas-Minutes/councilmeetings.html> under "Snowmobile Recreation Council, Law Enforcement Committee". For more information, please contact Diane Conklin at (715)822-8583 or Gary Eddy at (608) 267-7455.

**July 20** - The Governor's Snowmobile Recreation Council will meet in the Conference Room at the Portage County Annex, 1462 Strongs Ave., **Stevens Point**, at 8:30 a.m. to review the status of the Snowmobile Grant program. They will also review applications for funding that have been received and make funding recommendations. The agenda and list of projects is posted at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/Grants/Agendas-Minutes/councilmeetings.html> under "Off-Road Vehicle Council". For more information, please contact Diane Conklin via e-mail at [Diane.Conklin@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Diane.Conklin@wisconsin.gov) or via telephone at (715)0822-8583.

**July 21** - The Off Road Vehicle Council will meet in the Conference Room at the Portage County Annex, 1462 Strongs Ave., **Stevens Point**, at 10 a.m. to review the status of the ATV Grant program. The council will discuss the OWI and drivers license tie-in. They will also review applications for funding that have been received and make funding recommendations. The agenda and list of projects is posted at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/Grants/Agendas-Minutes/councilmeetings.html> under "Snowmobile Recreation Council". For more information, please contact Diane Conklin via e-mail at [Diane.Conklin@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Diane.Conklin@wisconsin.gov) or by telephone at (715) 822-8583.

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**July 22** - The Lake Michigan Commercial Fishing Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Department of Natural Resources Sturgeon Bay Service Center, 110 S. Neenah Avenue, **Sturgeon Bay**. The agenda includes: discussion of a license transfer; a demonstration by DNR staff regarding the method used to measure the mesh sizes of commercial fishing gear; discussion and possible motion regarding the June 30, 2009 Mike LeClair letter regarding chub fishing; discussion with DNR staff regarding the harvesting of all sizes of perch caught while using legal gear; and discussion with DNR staff regarding any whitefish quota modification. For information contact Allen D. Blizel, DNR Commercial Fisheries/Charter Fishing Specialist at 920-746-2866.

**July 23** – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will be hosting a public input session to discuss restoration goals (delisting targets) for the Lower Green Bay and Fox River Area of Concern [<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/wqs/303d/FoxRiverTMDL/>] from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary Nature Center Auditorium, 1660 E. Shore Dr., **Green Bay**. There will be an opportunity to learn more about and comment on the draft delisting targets for problems related to fish and wildlife (habitat, populations, health, and consumption advisories), plankton (free floating plants and animals) and benthic (bottom living plants and animals) populations, nutrient pollution and undesirable algae, beach closings, aesthetics, and restrictions on drinking water and dredging. For more information contact Erin Hanson, DNR at 920-662-5419 or [ErinE.Hanson@wisconsin.gov](mailto:ErinE.Hanson@wisconsin.gov); or John Perrecone, EPA at 312-353-1149 or [Perrecone.John@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Perrecone.John@epamail.epa.gov).

**July 23** - The DNR Deer Committee will be having a conference call beginning at 10 a.m. The focus of the conference call will be discussing various ideas on how to involve public participation in deer related surveys and population monitoring programs. The Committee will also be discussing other agenda items such as updates on the Natural Resources Board advisory committee for deer season alternatives, and public hearing plans for the Deer Management Unit Goals and Boundary Review process. Public parties interested in the call will not have an opportunity to provide input during the call, but may listen to the discussion. For more information, please contact Jason Fleener at (608) 261-7589 or by email at [jason.fleener@wisconsin.gov](mailto:jason.fleener@wisconsin.gov).

**July 23** – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the United States Environmental Protection Agency will host a public input session for the Lower Green Bay and Fox River Area of Concern on Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary Nature Center Auditorium, 1660 East Shore Drive, **Green Bay**. In the 1980s, Lower Green Bay (out to Long Tail Point and Point Au Sable) and the Fox River below the De Pere Dam were listed as one of 43 Great Lakes Areas of Concern by the International Joint Commission of Canada and the United States. Areas of Concern are places where contaminated sediment, poor water quality, or habitat problems affect the use of the waterway such that it needs priority attention. Goals or targets must be set, and then met, for each of the problems before the area can be considered restored. The end goal is for all of the Areas of Concern to be restored and protected so that they can be “delisted,” or removed from the list of Great Lakes Areas of Concern. The purpose of this public input session is to share information about problems in the Area of Concern and restoration goals (known as “delisting targets”) that have been developed to address them. Input received at the session will be included in the Lower Green Bay and Fox River Area of Concern delisting targets report that will be finalized in the summer of 2009. Problems identified in the Lower Green Bay and Fox River Area of Concern are related to: fish and wildlife habitat, populations, health, and consumption advisories. Other populations including plankton (free floating plants and animals) and benthos (bottom living plants and animals), nutrient pollution and undesirable algae, beach closings, aesthetics, and restrictions on drinking water and dredging. Identifying the restoration goals for each of the problems is only one step in removing Lower Green Bay and Fox River from the list of Great Lakes Areas of Concern. For more information contact Erin Hanson, DNR Water Resources Management Specialist, at 920-662-5419.

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